1	2	3	4	5	6
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	7649	7756	10080	25485
33.	Delhi	485	475	1555	2515
34.	Lakshadweep	10408	2621	0	13029
35.	Pondicherry	12378	12799	12797	37974
	TOTAL:	4696158	4033963	5755233	14485354

Source: 17th Livestock Census 2003.

Agriculture Year

2741. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to declare 2007-08 as an Agriculture Year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Government has not received any proposal to declare 2007-08 as an Agriculture Year.

Performance of KCC at Jaipur

2742. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only thirteen Kisan Call Centres are located in different parts of the country, including one at Jaipur in Rajasthan;

(b) whether said Call Centres would be adequate to provide information to the farmers throughout the country and to the largest desert State of Rajasthan; and

(c) what has been their performance/output during 2006-07 and whether it would be termed as satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Kisan Call Centres (KCCs) are located at 14 locations, including one at Jaipur in Rajasthan. The entire country is covered from these 14 locations. Separate KCC seats are provided for different States at each of these locations.

(c) Over 6 lakh calls were received at KCCs from throughout the country during 2006-07, of which about 67,900 calls were from Rajasthan. The KCCs provide a facility to farmers to seek farm related information at their initiative through toll free telephone lines.

Food security

2743. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food security in the country is under serious threat and the long terms plans to address the malaise are not in place as the problem itself is not acknowledged;

(b) whether it is a fact that last year we imported 5.5 million tonnes of wheat after a six year hiatus and this supply side shortage may result in India becoming net importer of food products again; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the acreage under the agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no serious threat to food security in the country. There is a stock of 190.72 lakh tonnes of foodgrains as on 1st April, 2007 against the buffer norms of 162.00 lakh tonnes of foodgrains. The long term plan to ensure food security in the country includes allocation of foodgrains at subsidized rates for the Above Poverty Line (APL), Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) categories under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and for several welfare schemes for different section of societies like, Annapoorna Scheme, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, Wheat Based Nutrition Programme, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Village Gramins Banks Scheme, Emergency Feeding Programme, Scheme for supply of foodgrains for hostels and welfare institutions etc., which are being implemented by various Ministries